

Extension Activity

1. Geore Washington Carver researched _____ goods to create useful products.
2. _____ studied mechanical engineering in Scotland and worked as an engineer for the Michigan Central Railroad.
3. Garrett Augustus Morgan sold his invention to the _____ for \$40,000.
4. _____ was one of the first American women of any race to become a millionaire through her own business venture.
5. _____ worked as an Aerospace Technologist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
6. _____ was the sole African American member of the *Edison Pioneers*, Thomas Edison's elite research team.
7. Before becoming an inventor, _____ held many jobs that helped to hone his creativity, working as a fireman, a railroad engineer, and a chief engineer aboard a steamboat.
8. _____ won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games held in Nazi Germany.
9. _____ held the heavyweight boxing title from 1937 to 1949, the longest reign of any heavyweight.
10. In 1947, _____ joined the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African American to play modern major league baseball.

11. In 1960, _____ became the first American woman to win 3 gold medals in one Olympics.
12. _____ left high school in 1952 to join the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League.
13. In 1967, _____ was stripped of his title and boxing license by refusing to obey the draft to serve in Vietnam.
14. _____ set numerous records and had amazing accomplishments in the football arena.
15. The accomplishments of _____ include setting the current world record for long jump at 24 feet, 7 inches.
16. After becoming president of basketball operations for the Washington Wizards, _____ decided his team needed his skills on the court more than in the office.
17. In 2000, _____ became the youngest golfer to complete a career Grand Slam, winning all four major golf tournaments.
18. One or both of the _____ sisters have defeated most of the major players in tennis, including Davenport, Graf, Hingis, Martinez, and Seles.
19. _____ is most remembered for her supporting role of Mammy in the 1939 film *Gone with the Wind*.
20. In 1963, _____ was awarded the Oscar for best actor for his role in *Lilies of the Field*.

21. In _____, for the first time in the Academy's 74-year history, two African American performers were awarded Oscars for best actor and best actress.

22. In 1956, _____ became the first African American to host a variety show.

23. Perhaps the most remembered performances of _____ are those with the famous "Rat Pack."

24. _____ became one of the most recognizable faces in America as a spokesperson for the Coca-Cola Company, Jell-O, Kodak, Del Monte, and the Ford Motor Company.

25. In September 2000, _____ became the first recipient of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

Cooperative Learning Activity

Break into groups of four to five students. Debate as a group, deciding which of the individuals—from one of the categories covered in the “Scientists, Athletes, and Entertainers” presentation—has had the most positive influence for African Americans.

Conduct further research on this individual, using library and Internet resources. Prepare a five-minute presentation, providing information to convince the members of your class that your individual is the most influential.